Denying Hospitalisation to Critical Patients is a contempt says SC

2210. SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Denying hospitalisation to critical patients is a contempt case, says SC" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated september 21, 1996;

(b) if so, whether the Government have issued any instructions to hospitals, both Government and private, in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the private hospitals are not offering cannot afford free outdoor and indoor facilities to poor patients; and

(d) if so, the measures proposed to be taken to ensure that private hospital may by able to do such services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(b) The direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court have been communicated to the Health Secretaries of all States\UTs as well as to the Central Government hospitals to take appropriate action for carrying out orders of the court.

(c) and (d) 'Health' being a state subject, the State Government are responsible for regulating the services of private hospitals for which some States have laws including, land use law.

[Translation]

Supply of Indented Medicines

2211. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the indented medicines are usually supplied to the CGHS beneficiaries within two working days; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to issue guidelines to the CGHS dispensaries particularly in Sarojini Nagar and Laxmibai Nagar in this ragard to ensure supply of indented medicines to the beneficiaries within a prescribed period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Normally, the indented medicines are supplied to the CGHS beneficiaries within two working days.

The guidelines in this regard have been reiterated on 21.5.96 to CGHS Incharges of all CGHS dispensaries under CGHS delhi\New Delhi for strict compliance of the instructions.

[English]

Vector Control Research Centre

2212. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any report by Indian Council of Medical Research regarding closing of Vector Control Research Centre in Alleppey, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c) The Vector Control Research Centre project at Cherthala in Alleppey (Kerala) was launched as a Technology Mission project with the objective of eliminating the transmission of filarial parasites from the endemic belt. Having achieved the objective, the Indian Council of Medical Research is planning to transfer the technology to the Government of Kerala through a Memorandum of Understanding. The Council would, however, continue to provide technical guidance and expertise till the project becomes totally self-reliant.

Sports Protocol

2213. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the sport-wise names of countries who have signed various sports protocol with India during Eighth Plan period alongwith the number out of them executed so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN) : During the Eighth Plan Period, a Sports Protocol was signed with Russian Federation of 20th February, 1996 for the year 1996-97 having the provision for exchange of sports experts, sports scientists, sports medicine experts, experts on physical exercise and highly skilled coaches in the sports disciplines of Athletics (Middle & Long Distance running), Throws, Archery, Cycling, Gymnastics, Rowing and Greco-Roman Wrestling. There is also a provision for exchange of sports teams in the disciplines of Archery, Athletics, Boxing, Football, Judo, Hockey (Men and Women), Volleyball, Rowing, Wrestling and Canoeing and Kayaking.

As regards implementation of the protocol, negotiations are in progress between both sides for finalising the visits of the sports specialists, experts and teams. Regarding appointment of Russian Coaches, Government have approved the appointment of Russian Coaches on contract basis in the sports disciplines of Athletics, Greco-Roman Wrestling, Throwing and Sports Physiology.

Effects of DDT

2214. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any research or study had been undertaken by the Indian Council of Medical Research on the effect of D.D.T. on women;

(b) if so, the details and findings thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to an ICMR-study on the effect of DDT on women, further studies are required to evaluate the exact role of DDT compounds in uterine leimyomas. Another study on pesticide residues in pregnant women indicated presence of pesticides in breast milk, maternal blood, placanta blood and placenta.

(c) Use of DDT in agriculture is already banned. The use of BHC has been banned from 1.4.97. Although restricted quantities of DDT are being used in areas where malaria vector mosquitos is responding to DDT and for Kala-azar control, several alternatives such as new generation insecticised and bio-environmental have also been identified now out the use of DDT is being phased out. However pesticidl residue remain in the soil for several decade and find their way into the food Chain. This phenomenon is world wide and not restricted only to India.

Medical Facilities

2215. SHRI K.P. NAIDU :
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :
SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :
SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that M.B.B.S. doctors and other specialists of the country do not like to work in the rural areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce a two years middle ring condensed course for the doctors working in rural areas so that rural people may not be deprived of medical facilities;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government are contemplating to lay the condition of three years rural area service before giving permission to do M.D. courses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Earlier short-term courses like Licenciate Medical Practitioner (LMP) was available. The Licentiate Medical Course has been discontinued from 22.1.1980 by the MCI with the approval of the Central Government.

(d) and (e) The State\UT Governments have been advised to consider introducing regional decentralised recruitment policy for doctors for filling up vacancies of doctors in rural areas and reserving a certain percentage of post graduate seats for Medical Officers who have put in two to three years service in rural areas.

PRS at Educational Institutions

2216. SHRI RUP CHAND MURMU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide Public Relations Services in educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) Each Central University and Deemed University have post of a Public Relations Officer. Similarly, most State Universities too have posts of Public Relations Officers.

Tribute to Subhas Chandra Bose

2217. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR :Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to pay tribute to Subhas Chandra Bose in his centenary year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have decided to celebrate the birth centenary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose through year-long programmes and activities beginning from 23rd January, 1997. To mark the commencement of the celebrations, a public function was organised at the